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Animal Fact Sheet

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Laotian Rock Rat

Laonastes aenigmamus

Laonastes aenigmamus was found in 1996 in a meat market in Khammouane Province, Laos, laid out for sale among the bushmeat, and formally described in 2005 as a new species in a new family. Then it go…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Diatomyidae
Habitat: Limestone karst forests
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Data Deficient
Lifespan: 4-6 years
Weight: 250-320 grams
Scientific name: Laonastes aenigmamus

Did you know?

- The Laotian Rock Rat was first discovered in a local food market before its scientific identification, surprising researchers with its evolutionary s…
- The specimen that launched the discovery was bought at a market by researchers who noticed it was unlike anything in the regional fauna, and the spec…

What I learned

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